UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CHHOM MAO; THA BUN HENG;

CLEVIE EARL BUCKLEY;

V.

Plaintiff,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

2:04-cr-205-GEB

2.04-C1-20J-GEB

TRIAL CONFIRMATION ORDER

Trial in the above-captioned case is scheduled to commence on December 5, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. That date was confirmed at the hearing on November 17, 2006.

I. EVIDENTIARY DISPUTES

All evidentiary disputes capable of being resolved by in limine motions, shall be set forth in such motions no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 24, 2006. Oppositions to the motions or non-opposition statements shall be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on

 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle 1}$ $\,$ The parties are requested to meet and confer about such disputes before filing a motion to determine if agreement can be reached on any issue.

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November 29, 2006. Hearing on the motions will commence at 9:00 a.m. on December 1, 2006. If the parties have other reasonably anticipated disputes concerning the admissibility of evidence, such disputes should be included in their trial briefs. L.R. 16-285(a)(3).

II. TRIAL PREPARATION

- A. No later than five court days before trial, the following documents should be filed:
 - (1) proposed jury instructions;
 - (2) proposed voir dire questions to be asked by the Court;
 - (3) trial briefs; and

(4) a joint statement or joint proposed jury instruction that can be read to the jury in advance of voir dire that explains the nature of the case.

If possible, at the time of filing the proposed jury instructions, proposed voir dire questions, and joint statement, counsel shall also deliver to the court a floppy disk compatible with WordPerfect 5.1, 6.1, 8.0, 9.0 or 10 containing a copy of the sanitized jury instructions, the proposed voir dire questions, and the joint statement.

- B. The government's exhibits shall be numbered and eventually marked with stickers provided by the court. Should the defendant elect to introduce exhibits at trial, such exhibits shall be designated by alphabetical letter with stickers provided by the court. The parties may obtain exhibit stickers by contacting the clerk's office at (916) 930-4000.
 - C. The parties estimate the trial will take two weeks.

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Each side is granted forty-five minutes for voir dire, which may be used after the judge completes judicial voir dire. The "struck jury" system will be used to select the jury.² Two alternate jurors will be empaneled. The Jury Administrator randomly selects potential jurors and places their names on a list that will be provided to each party in the numerical sequence in which they were randomly selected. Each juror will be placed in his or her randomly-selected seat. The first 12 jurors on the list will constitute the petit jury unless one or more of those 12 is excused for some reason. Assuming that the first listed juror is excused, the thirteenth listed juror becomes one of the twelve jurors.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 21, 2006

GARKAND E. BURRENL, JR. / United States District Judge

As explained in <u>United States v. Blouin</u>, 666 F.2d 796, 798 (2d Cir. 1981), "the goal of the 'struck jury' system is to whittle down an initially selected group . . . [to the amount of jurors] who will serve as the petit jury." The selected group consists of the 12 required to hear the case, the number of alternate jurors, plus the number of jurors required to enable the parties to use the combined number of peremptory challenges allotted to both sides for striking jurors from the group. Typically extra jurors are included in the select group in the event the minimum amount of jurors required for the "struck system" is reduced "for cause" or some other reason.